Representatives of CETMA have submitted that indigenous manufacturing of digital STBs is yet to gain momentum. The rationalization of import duty on components of STB by the Government is likely to give a boost to the indigenous industry.

(c) and (d) For Commercial Digital Television broadcasting, worldwide, the compression standard used is MPEG-2 for all delivery platforms *i.e.* satellite, cable and terrestrial while MPEG-4 is not used for commercial television broadcast. BIS has adopted international cable TV standards known as DVBC, which is based on MPEG-Z technology. This is widely in use and is not outdated.

(e) The implementation of CAS is being done in a planned and phased manner. It will commence in specified zones, in the three metros of Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata and at one go in Chennai from September 1, 2003.

DTT technology to motorists

815. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DD is working towards making DTT technology available to the motorists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any consultations have been made in this regard with the people concerned for developing TVs to suit this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Doordarshan has set up four digital transmitters at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai on an experimental service. Each of these transmitters is transmitting 5 different TV programmes and 2 Radio programmes (as compared to one TV programme in case of analog transmitters). Doordarshan has no plan to provide TV reception to motorists, through these transmitters.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.